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TITLE OF INVENTION: AUTO FOCUSING APPARATUS SELECTIVELY OPERABLE IN AN ORDINARY MODE AND A HIGH SPEED MODE

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